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REFERENCE(S)

1. Attached herewith is a memorandum from [] reporting a long conversation he had with Identity A. While most of this memorandum deals with the Eichmann case and is only peripheral to project matters, we wish to draw your attention to paragraph 7 which may have some security interests for the appropriate Headquarters component.

2. To RI: Please card the following:

~~W.C.T. Israel~~
 Moshe PEARLMAN, DOB unknown, Israeli national; allegedly a former Israeli IS official involved in Eichmann capture.

~~W.C.T. Germany~~
 Heinrich MULLER, former Nazi, war criminal, reported hiding in KUWAIT or Bahrain.

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A. Memorandum, H/W

B. Identity, USC

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Memo for the files

1. Iden A phoned me and asked if we could get together. He is a cousin of my scholarship friend, and my scholarship friend had previously written to tell me Iden A was coming. I met Iden A and spent a good part of the afternoon and evening with him. It was obvious that he trusted me: my scholarship friend must have given me a "full field clearance".

2. Iden A was going to Israel as a guest of the Israeli government, to advise the Foreign Ministry on public relations aspects of the Eichmann trial. There was much concern about public opinion in pbprime, which apparently felt the trial was taking place too late, at the wrong place, with biased judges, etc. Iden A is one of the leading authorities on the subject in pbprime, and as a sideline will do broadcasts for 160 pbppime radio stations during the first two weeks of the trial (he will leave Israel after that). He was also interested in reaction to the trial in other countries, and as he is doing a report on this he asked me to send him clippings which reveal significant aspects of French opinion on the trial. My scholarship friend had also given him some other names of persons to see, including Sam Eisenberg, of the France-Israel Society, whose son Roger was identified to me by my scholarship friend as a gypsy. (Until now I had not known his last name.) But it was obvious that Iden A was going to depend on his Israeli government sources in France for the bulk of his information. He was to see a Mr Shek, who works for Yael Vared, Israeli woman consul in Paris. Mme Vared was also a contact of my scholarship friend, and is apparently the overt IS official dealing with such problems. Shek was to prepare a dossier on French public opinion and the Eichmann trial, but presumably Iden A was paying for this.

3. Iden A said he was one of two pbprimers (he did not identify the other one) on an international team hunting Nazi war criminals. He receives from Yad Vashem regularly a bulletin indicating the names of war criminals reported as alive. He said he does not believe that Martin Bormann is still living, but he is carried on their roster as alive because there is no confirmed report of his death: the versions of how Bormann died conflict. A number of reports come in periodically indicating that Bormann is alive. Iden A does not believe any first-ranking Nazis are still living, except Heinrich Müller (sp?), reportedly in Kuwait or Bahrain.

4. Iden A described how he operates. he received a report, apparently from Israel, that Martin Bormann was alive and in Iden A's city; he had taken great pains to change his identity, even underwent minor facial surgery, and was now teaching in a Jewish Talmudic school! Iden A obtained a photograph of the man; he was the image of Bormann with a beard. Iden A asked Israel if they had Bormann's fingerprints. "In their usual arrogant way," Iden A told me, Israel replied: "Just send the fingerprints of the suspect." Iden A assigned a man from his organization to follow the suspect, and on three successive days Iden A's man pocketed the glass the suspect had used in a cafeteria at lunchtime. The fingerprints were sent to Israel. It turned out the man was not Bormann, but a Jew who had committed a highly publicized murder in Germany before the war, and who had consequently taken pains to conceal his identity, moving from country to country, and so on. (He has not been bothered.)

5. Iden A said that in the case of the Bormann suspect, and in other activities for the international team, he uses his own funds--not

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even using the funds of the organization he works for.

6. Our long conversation made it possible for me to ask a number of seemingly innocent and disconnected questions, but which elicited information useful as background in our own project. Thus, on the books dealing with Eichmann, Iden A said that only authoritative report on the capture of Eichmann was by Moshe Pearlman, whose "The Capture of Adolph Eichmann" has so far been published only in England (and in France as "La Longue Chasse"). Pearlman, according to Iden A, was an Israeli IS official. There was no full-time IS official assigned to the hunt for war criminals, but one of Pearlman's functions was to deal with such problems as they crossed his desk. Iden A made a note to have sent to me all five books on Eichmann published in paperback. I asked about the book written by Quentin Reynolds in collaboration with Zwi Aldouby and Ephraim Katz ("Minister of Death"). He said that neither Aldouby nor Katz had had anything to do with Eichmann's capture, although at one time they had been in on the hunt. Aldouby and Katz were members of a 13-man team based in Vienna, made up of refugees from Germany and other countries, which followed up leads on war criminals. (I think he said T. Freedman (sp?), for whom Eichmann's capture was a fixation and who recently wrote a book on the pre-capture period, was also a member of this team.) The 13-man team worked under the guidance of Israeli intelligence, but was entirely unofficial; it did receive expense money for travel, etc., from the Israeli government. Then Aldouby and the others became Israeli citizens, worked in the government for a while, and presumably moved to other fields. (We stopped at a bookstore and Iden A bought two copies of the Pearlman book--not yet available in his country--and gave one to me.)

7. Iden A said that Israeli intelligence was very professional, but couldn't possibly compare with US, British, Soviet, etc. The reason is the limited budget. I asked whether the use of volunteers did not give them more mileage. Iden A replied that this gave them no advantage over other services since, for example, the US also used volunteers: any American citizen whose passport application indicates he may be visiting an area of interest to the US government may be approached prior to departure and asked to supply information. He said the Israeli IS tries very hard; for example, it has sent young employees to the US (to US intelligence schools, I believe he said) to learn languages--including all the languages of China, to anticipate the day when Israel will have diplomatic relations with those countries.

8. Another war criminal being tracked by the team is Mengele (I think he said he was in Chili, not in Argentina as believed, but under Argentine pro-Nazi police protection). They are interested in collaborators of other nationalities, and this would include Degrelle of Belgium; but the French collaborators have been put on the shelf so as not to embarrass the French government, Israel's one ally.

9. Iden A seemed to have inside information on the Eichmann trial. He knew for a fact that the chief pilot of El Al had flown Eichmann out of Argentina, and expressed surprise that Eichmann's attorney Servatius also knew this and had subpoenaed the pilot to testify. One of the trial judges, Halevy, opposes

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Ben Gourion and may try to blame Ben Gourion and the Jewish Agency for complicity with Eichmann (on the men-for-tanks barter).

10. Iden A considers himself a pbprimer first, not an Israeli: for example, he agrees with C.L. Sulzberger who in the New York Times advocates that Washington invite Nasser for a visit. He says that he has advised Israel to accept peace talks, but they oppose conciliation because they fear peace will require concessions from them, either taking in some Arab refugees, or revising borders. He feels Israel has no sense of public relations, and in fact occasionally persists in a course certain to cause friction and anti-Semitism in the US, for example, on the grounds that this will incite more Jews to move to Israel.

11. He speculated on the outcome of the trial. He does not think that the president of Israel will commute the expected death sentence to life imprisonment. When I expressed concern that Israel might turn over Eichmann to a bloc country, such as Poland which is asking for extradition, and that this would allow the Communists to exploit Eichmann against West Germany and the West, he replied that this could not happen, as already Israel has gone out of its way to announce it didn't need evidence on Eichmann offered by Poland.

12. Iden A said Yad Vashem was strictly a collector of information, and takes no action itself; the government must take the initiative. Yad Vashem is government-supported.

13. Iden A said he thinks Eichmann's attorney Servatius will exploit all aspects of the case, especially the kidnapping, in a move to mobilize world opinion. Thus he will compare it to the Chessman case (for the number of years which have elapsed since the crimes), and perhaps to Hiroshima: why not try the US pilots for genocide? etc.

14. I asked about organizations of concentration camp survivors. The only one Iden A knows of in the US is the Association of Camp Survivors (?), with 7000 members in Manhattan, New York City, alone. They had threatened to break up a meeting announced by a neo-Nazi speaker Rockwell. Iden A thinks they might in fact mobilize 1000 survivors on Union Square, 500 of whom will arrive with the baseball bats they promised to bring, and when the police charge the resulting publicity will be unfortunate. He is filing a brief as friend of the court to oppose lifting of the NY ban against Rockwell. He knew nothing of organizations of camp survivors from individual camps (e.g., an Auschwitz affiliate) in the US.

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